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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAIGON 2906

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: FIGHTING IN EASTERN LE TRUNG DISTRICT, PLEIKU

FOLLOWING TEL FROM NHA TRANG SENT ACTION AMEMBASSY SAIGON INFO
USDAO SAIGON 14 MARCH BEING REPEATED TO YOU

QUOTE: NHA TRANG 160

1. ACCORDING TO MR-2 NHA TRANG HQS, ON MARCH 13 HEAVY FIGHTING AGAIN TOOK PLACE NEAR QL-19 IN EASTERN LE TRUNG DISTRICT. IN 3 SEPARATE CLASHES WITH THE COMMUNISTS NEAR FSB 93 (BR 039450), ELEMENTS OF THE 42ND RANGER BN AND THE 3RD ARMORED CAV GROUP TOOK 11 KIA AND 21 MIA AND LOST 8 WEAPONS; IN ADDITION, COMMUNIST ROCKETS AND ARTILLERY DESTROYED 8 M-113 APCs. (COMMUNIST LOSSES IN THESE CONTACTS WERE NOT REPORTED.) AT 130730 HRS, THE COMMUNISTS BLEW UP ANOTHER BRIDGE IN THE AREA-- BRIDGE 32 AT BR 060528. THE VNAF FLEW 24 AIR SORTIES AGAINST COMMUNIST POSITIONS AT SUOI DOI EAST OF LE TRUNG DISTRICT TOWN ON MARCH 13, KILLING 35 COMMUNISTS AND DESTROYING 3 TANKS, 2 TRUCKS, ONE MORTAR, ONE RECOILLESS RIFLE, AND ONE MACHINE GUN. A COMMUNIST SA-7, HOWEVER, HIT ONE VNAF A-37, WHICH CRASHED AT BR 050564. THE PILOT BAILED OUT AND
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